

COUNTRY East Germany 25X1 [redacted] REPORT NO. 25X1 [redacted]

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION [redacted] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1 [redacted]

DATE OF CONTENT 7 to 15 February 1953

DATE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 4 March 1953

REFERENCES _____

PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) _____

REMARKS _____

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1. The following troop trains were [redacted] 25X1
February 1953:

25X1	<u>Date in</u>	<u>Combination of</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
25X1	<u>February</u>	<u>Troop Trains</u>		
25X1	7	7 boxcars and 8 flatcars	Halderleben	Kirchmoeser, Bernburg
	8	13 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Wildpark	Loburg
		6 boxcars and 43 flatcars	Magdeburg	Crivitz
		16 RRYM-type flatcars	Tangerhuetten	Rothensee
		4 boxcars and 10 flatcars	Burg	Parchim
		2 converted oxcars, 2 boxcars, 10 flatcars and 16 RRYM-type flatcars	Tangerhuetten	Brandenburg
		3 boxcars and 11 flatcars	Baalberge	Wittstock
		3 converted boxcars and 11 flatcars	Brueckfeld	Crivitz
9	10	boxcars and 78 flatcars	Magdeburg	Schwerin
		13 boxcars and 34 flatcars	Brueckfeld	Plate
		13 boxcars and 35 flatcars	Brueckfeld	Plate

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2. Troop trains [redacted] February [redacted]

Date in February	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	25X6
11	10 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Schwerin railroad district	Rheinsberg	[redacted]
	13 boxcars and 3 flatcars	Crivitz	Berlin	
	12 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 33 flatcars	Altengrabow	Wildpark	
	14 boxcars and 43 flatcars	Dallgow Doeberitz	Neustrelitz	
12	13 boxcars and 29 flatcars	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Neustrelitz	
	12 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 33 flatcars; empty	Wildpark	Altengrabow	
	47 cars	Boetzow	Neustrelitz	
13	9 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 39 flatcars	Pritzwalk	Brandenburg	
	1 converted boxcar and 14 flatcars	Fuerstenwalde-south	Markersdorf	
14	11 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 36 flatcars	Wittstock	Rathenow	

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3. By order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters, ramps for loading of tanks were to be made available at Gotha on 15 February.⁸

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1. [redacted] Comment: The troop train with [redacted] which probably carried a component of the 34th Arty Div (US) was previously reported [redacted]. On 11 February 1953, the unit probably returned to its home station by the troop train [redacted] mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present report.

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2. [redacted] Comment: These troop trains probably carried army units of the Third Shock Army which were to participate in winter exercises in the area southeast of Schwerin. On 9 February 1953, the loading of two troop trains, including one train carrying 12 light AA guns, was observed [redacted] at the Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt railroad station. The troops came from the direction of the Flak Kaserne, indicating that components of the 3rd Gds AAA Div were loaded. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] carrying an element of the 20th Army AF Arty Brig (US) was previously observed

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4. [redacted] Comment. As the dispatching and receiving stations do not furnish a clear picture on entrained troop units, the troop trains not commented on, reported in paragraphs 1 and 2, cannot yet be explained.

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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the two trains on 11 February 1953 are believed to be empty.

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6. [redacted] Comment. Concurrent observations [redacted] indicate that the two troop trains from Dallgow-Doerberitz transported elements of the 2nd Light Arty Brig (US) to the Neustrelitz area. According to the reference report, however, a third troop train [redacted] was also dispatched from Dallgow-Doerberitz.

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7. [redacted] Comment. The troop train [redacted] was previously reported [redacted] in connection with another troop train [redacted]

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8. [redacted] Comment. Probably tank units were to be loaded at Gotha having participated in field exercises in the Gotha area until 15 February 1953.

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